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Attorney General Darrell McGraw Awards Funding to the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College from the Purdue Pharma Settlement Funds

Charleston - Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of sixty-thousand dollars to the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College. This money comes from the third installment in the ten-million dollar settlement with Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of the drug Oxycontin.

This funding will go to support the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College's School of Nursing and is the second of three annual installments of sixty-thousand dollars. This contribution will help expand the nursing programs' drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation education programs. Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College's Allied Health Program has received state and national recognition and presently has approximately 200 nursing students in its nursing program. West Virginia Community & Technical College has an enrollment of approximately 5,000 credit and non-credit students at all four facilities.

"The nursing program of Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College provides the people of Logan County an opportunity to be educated at home and it provides Southern West Virginia with a reliable source of qualified nurses. The expansion of the nursing program with the funding presented here today will provide training for nurses in drug abuse prevention and in rehabilitating drug abusers. It is important that there are adequate facilities and institutions to educate future nurses about drug abuse in order to strengthen and protect our communities," stated McGraw.

Under the Purdue Pharma settlement, West Virginia will receive ten-million dollars over four years. The bulk of the money, including one-million dollars from an earlier distribution this year, has been used to fund Day Report Centers to help fight the scourge of drug abuse that wrecks communities. Organizations state-wide are receiving funding to carry on the fight against drug abuse through education and outreach programs. This funding will serve more than twenty counties across West Virginia.

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